

SEEK TO RAISE STANDARDS OF HAWAII FRUITS

J. H. Cowan Conducts Experiments With Pineapple, Avocados, Mangoes, Grapes

Under the supervision of J. E. Higgins, horticulturist of the federal experiment station, and James H. Cowan, who has been associated with the horticultural division since September, 1912, investigation experiments with the pineapple, avocado, mango, grape and tomato have been carried on at the United States experiment station at the head of Pensacola street.

To cultivate a better variety of pineapple, experiments and breeding have been carried on with seedlings. The first plants to bear fruit were three years and eight months old. None of these has thus far shown a combination of characters of sufficient desirability as to justify the establishment of a new commercial variety, says Mr. Higgins in his report on the work. He adds that this is not surprising nor disappointing for it would be remarkable if any new forms of unusual value should appear among so few chance seedlings as were included in these first two lots planted.

About 2,240 plants grown from seeds supplied by a number of pineapples canneries and planted during the winter season of 1915-16 are now under cultivation. About 350 have been planted out in the pineapple fields. Further plantings of seeds were made during the fiscal year. Over 100 cross-breeds are under cultivation. Several hundred selections have been made in the fields of plants to be propagated by slips or by suckers to determine whether certain characters of the plants are constant and may be transmitted through sexual propagation. Two new varieties have been introduced.

To produce a winter fruiting avocado, which will combine the high oil content and excellence of flavor with the protective rind, J. A. Cowan of the station has been crossing the Guatemalan and the West Indian types. The former is characterized by a thick, woody, or corky rind which gives it ample protection from internal injury, while the latter type is very rich but not very well protected by a rind.

About 30 seedlings of local origin have been described and are being made the subject of further investigation by Cowan in a collection of varieties and their description and propagation which Cowan has been making. Seven new varieties have been introduced from California during the year. Experiments with the crossing of different varieties of mangoes are being made at the station. Work to improve the papaya and especially its flavor is still going on. Varieties of the tomato are being crossed in hopes of obtaining a variety which will be immune to the destructive attacks of the melon fly.

HOW IT HAPPENED

"I see that the old foggy has failed in business," remarked the grouch. "How did it happen?" "Too much advertising," replied the wise guy. "But he never advertised," protested the grouch. "No, but his competitors did," replied the wise guy.



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SCHROEDER MAY STAY HERE UNTIL SUMMONED TO COAST BY U. S. ATTORNEY PRESTON

Huber Discounts Theory That Honolulu Men are Merely "Witnesses"

Heinrich Augustus Schroeder, clerk in the insurance department of H. Hackfeld & Co., who surrendered himself to local federal officials on Saturday following the preparation of a warrant for his arrest on a charge of complicity in a plot to foment a rebellion in India, may remain in Honolulu until summoned to the mainland by District Attorney Preston of San Francisco.

This is the opinion of U. S. Attorney S. C. Huber, who says he is informed that Schroeder has notified Preston that he is ready to proceed to San Francisco as soon as the coast officials want him. It was expected that Schroeder would leave for the mainland in the Wilhelmina tomorrow but, when seen this morning, he said the date of his departure is indefinite. Schroeder will leave here unattended, as the bond of \$10,000, signed Saturday morning with the Hartford Insurance Co. as surety, is for his appearance before the San Francisco officials.

"It is quite likely that the federal officials in San Francisco will want Schroeder within a very short time, as I do not believe there will be any delay in the arraignment of those who have been indicted," says Attorney Huber.

Attorney Huber says he has every reason to believe that no other residents of the territory are under suspicion of being implicated in the plot with which it is alleged Schroeder and Georg Rodiek, president of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association and former German consul, were connected.

He also scouts the theory that Rodiek and Schroeder have been indicted merely to hold them as witnesses.

"This is not done," says Mr. Huber. "Witnesses are not indicted." A theory advanced by federal officials is that certain correspondence regarding the Hindu plot may have come through the local German consulate and that, by the transmission of this correspondence, Rodiek, who was then consul, and Schroeder, his secretary, may have become aware of the existence of the plot.

Had any other residents of the territory been connected with the plot, thinks Mr. Huber, they would have been indicted with the others, as the federal officials in San Francisco would have not delayed this long. He points out that all the alleged conspirators were indicted, on the same testimony and information and, because of this, he believes that all indicted to be returned have been handed down.

While Rodiek and Schroeder may have had no direct connection with the sending of one Hari Singh, a Hindu, to Los Angeles to aid in the collection of money for the rebellion, as mentioned in the radiogram received



H. A. Schroeder, secretary to Georg Rodiek, former German consul, both of whom have been indicted by the United States for alleged complicity in the Hindu rebellion plot.

Friday afternoon ordering Schroeder's arrest, Attorney Huber says this indictment probably was mentioned as one of several overt acts upon which to base the complaint prepared here against Schroeder.

The certified copy of the indictment against Schroeder has been forwarded to the local district attorney's office from San Francisco and will probably arrive here on Wednesday's steamer. The information that the copy is on its way was contained in the radiogram received by the federal officials on Friday, and by the Star-Bulletin in an Associated Press despatch received July 23.

It is believed that the trial of the Hindu plot conspirators will begin in San Francisco shortly following their arraignment, which is expected soon. Schroeder has retained the law firm of Thompson, Milverton & Cathcart as his counsel, and it is likely that a member of this firm will represent him in San Francisco. As far as is known here, Rodiek has secured no counsel. He has been released on bond in the sum of \$10,000.

WORLD WAR IS SERMON THEME

Appealing to the American people to serve and sacrifice in a war for a better and a united world, Rev. Albert W. Palmer, minister of the Plymouth Congregational church, Oakland, Cal., in a sermon at the Central Union church, predicted that a long step towards internationalism is being taken in the war now going on in Europe.

"A new world order is being forged in the furnaces of war. The war, which seemed at first to be a relapse into narrow nationalism, is turning out to be a maker of a new internationalism," said Rev. Palmer.

"England, France, Belgium, Italy, America, Russia—these countries can never again be as wholly separate as they were before they found each other in common peril and common suffering. Napoleon went down before a rising tide of national consciousness in Spain, Russia, Germany and England—a nationalism he never understood. There is evidence that the little group of wilful men in Berlin who are responsible for this war are going to go down before a rising tide of internationalism which they did not count on and do not yet understand."

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WAS AWARDED VICTORIA CROSS FOR HIS BRAVERY

Maj. Harry Elers de la Val Henderson, nephew of Mrs. Cherry, who was recently the house-guest of Mrs. Harry Wilder, and who is now staying at the Courtland, was awarded the Victoria Cross for his bravery in Mesopotamia. In an attack upon the enemies' artillery he was shot three times while leading his men and later died. Major Henderson was the second son of Maj. Gen. F. D. Henderson and a grandson of the late Gen. Peter T. Cherry of the First Madras cavalry. Mrs. Cherry is in Honolulu now on her fourth visit.

"The floorwalker called me down for being late this mornin'." "He's got a nerve expectin' us girls to dance till 3 in the mornin' and get here at 5."—Browning's Magazine.

'BUY A BUNCH OF BANANAS,' URGES KRAUSS OF MAUI

Only Way to Get Cheap Food and Relieve Congestion, Thinks Food Agent

Buy a whole bunch of bananas instead of just a hand or two. A bunch costs little more than a hand, and a bunch of bananas in the house is an incentive to eat more of the fruit, thus providing a cheap, yet highly nourishing and palatable food.

This is the suggestion of Frederick G. Krauss, agent of the territorial food commission on Maui, for conserving the hundreds of bunches of bananas which are going to waste daily in Honolulu because of lack of cargo space to get them to the mainland. Mr. Krauss, who is in Honolulu on business, was to return to the Valley Island this evening.

Mr. Krauss says that Maui is just beginning to awaken to the need of producing more food crops, but points out that the response that the response that island is making to the call is highly patriotic.

The important thing that should be considered by the food commission, he thinks, is reducing as far as possible the expense incurred in getting food from the producers to the consumer. In this respect, he believes that the middleman's profits should be reduced or eliminated, if possible, and that transportation rates should be cut to the minimum.

"The stimulus for greater production," he says, "is wholly one of better prices. While the farmer is patriotic, on the other hand his patriotism by the guarantee of livelihood. In some instances the consumer might not appreciate this. So long as prices keep up, I believe there will be little need of any price control."

SOLDIERS CHANGE SUITS, THEN SEEK OUT DRINKS

By changing their uniforms for civilian clothes in order to purchase liquor, some soldiers have been evading federal orders, that no intoxicating liquor can be sold to a man in the dress of a soldier of the United States Army.

A barber shop on hotel street, near River street, is one place where soldiers can discard their uniforms temporarily for civilian clothes, according to police authorities.

As far as local United States officials are concerned, the enforcement of the new army law prohibiting the sale of liquor to officers and enlisted men in uniform is progressing as favorably as may be expected in view of the fact that the regulation is virtually in the "try-out" stage at the present time.

"I have had no complaints from Brig.-Gen. Treat since he assumed command of the Hawaiian department, or from citizens of Honolulu," said District Attorney S. C. Huber today.

ANTHRAX SUSPECT TO BE BROUGHT TO HONOLULU

Deputy Marshal Silva will return to Honolulu tomorrow morning with Max Weber, timekeeper at the Pioneer Mill Co., Lahaina, Maui, who was arrested by a deputy sheriff at Hilo on instructions from Marshal J. J. Smiddy. Weber is being brought to Honolulu for investigation. No specific charge has been placed against him as yet.

According to local federal officials, Weber, when arrested, was found to have four cartridges, some German war bonds and a bottle labeled "poison" in his possession. A report in circulation that the bottle may have contained anthrax germs is scouted by federal officials, who say they have no information to this effect.

SEAMAN IS ACCUSED OF SMUGGLING KIMONO

Because it is alleged he walked off a foreign vessel now in port with a silk kimono concealed beneath his clothes, Jose Cuevas, a seaman on the Wilhelmina, has been arrested by U. S. Marshal Jerome J. Smiddy on a charge of smuggling. He was apprehended by customs officers and later turned over to the marshal. Bond in Cuevas' case will be fixed in the sum of \$500. A preliminary hearing of the case will be held in a few days.

AUDIT REPORT WILL INTEREST, SAYS FIELD

H. Gooding Field, expert statistician, is winding up his examination of the financial statements of the city and county and may have a report ready for submission to Mayor J. J. Fern next Wednesday, he announced today.

Field was retained by the mayor and several of his friends to make the audit with a view to finding out whether or not there is a deficit in the funds of the city and county.

"The people of Honolulu may be interested in my findings," says Field, although he declines to comment on what conclusions he may have arrived at.

JOSEPH G. SANTOS IS SUMMONED BY DEATH

Joseph G. Santos, prominent in the work of the Salvation Army in Hawaii, died this morning at the Leahi Home. He was a captain in the Salvation Army and had charge of the work of that organization in Hilo, where he had been stationed for a year and a half. Mr. Santos, who was a brother of M. G. Santos, editor of O Luso, was a native of Georgetown, British Guiana. A wife and four children survive him.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at 3 p. m. from the Salvation Army hall.

THREE MARSHALL BOYS WILL JOIN BRITISH FORCES

Allan and George Marshall, sons of George Marshall, the former Hilo breakwater contractor, and British subjects, although residents of the islands for a number of years, are to be numbered in the Hawaii contingent of 20 men which will leave here to join the Canadian army about the middle of next month. Both have volunteered and have been accepted at the British consulate.

Allan Marshall was born in Australia and George in New Zealand. A third brother, Walter, will also go to the front as soon as his father's business affairs can be straightened out so he can be spared. The three boys would have joined the British forces long before this if their father had not had the Hilo contract, upon which he urgently needed their aid.

As the Marshall brothers have had four years of military training in their school days they anticipate they will not have to undergo more than a three months' training period before they reach the trenches in France. Their previous military training and experience in handling men will also likely prove valuable to them in securing commissions as officers.

PRESIDIO MADE BRIGADE POST

With the arrival here from Honolulu within a few days of Brig.-Gen. Henry C. Hodges there will be an office of that rank in command at the Presidio of San Francisco. Gen. Hodges has recently been in command at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and was ordered from that post to this city.

The Presidio has not been a brigade post heretofore and officers commanding were of no higher rank than that of colonel. Orders from the war department recently increased the number of troops to be stationed there and an officer of a higher grade takes command.—San Francisco Chronicle.

NATIONAL GUARD NOTES

That portion of paragraph 1, S. O. 51, AGO, T. H., c. s., which refers to Henry A. Chong, Co. H, 1st Rgt. Haw. Inf., N. G., is revoked.

Pvt. Henry L. S. Chin, 1st Co. Haw. C. A., is granted a furlough of three months from July 26, 1917, with permission to travel throughout the territory.

Pvt. Jose R. Quintero, 1st Co. Haw. C. A., is transferred to Co. B, Hawaiian Signal Corps, N. G.

Cpl. Fausto Ramirez, 2nd Bn, 2nd Haw. Inf., is transferred to Co. B, 1st Rgt. Haw. Inf., N. G.

The following named enlisted men will be honorably discharged by reason of removal of residence to continental United States: Pvt. Gordon Brown, Co. D; Pvt. Gallesano Martin, Co. M; Pvt. Frank Guerra, Co. L, and Pvt. 1st Class Arthur E. Bixby, Co. B, Haw. S. C., N. G.

Pvt. Phil J. Byrne, Co. D, 1st Haw. Inf., will be honorably discharged by reason of removal of residence to Australia.

That portion of subparagraph (b), paragraph 1, G. O. 12, dated this office June 26, 1917, which refers to Capt. Harry K. Brown, 2nd Haw. Inf., is revoked.

By special authority of the secretary of war, and by reason of the consolidation of organizations of the National Guard of the United States and of the Territory of Hawaii, Capt. Harry Brown, 2nd Haw. Inf., is transferred to the National Guard Reserve.

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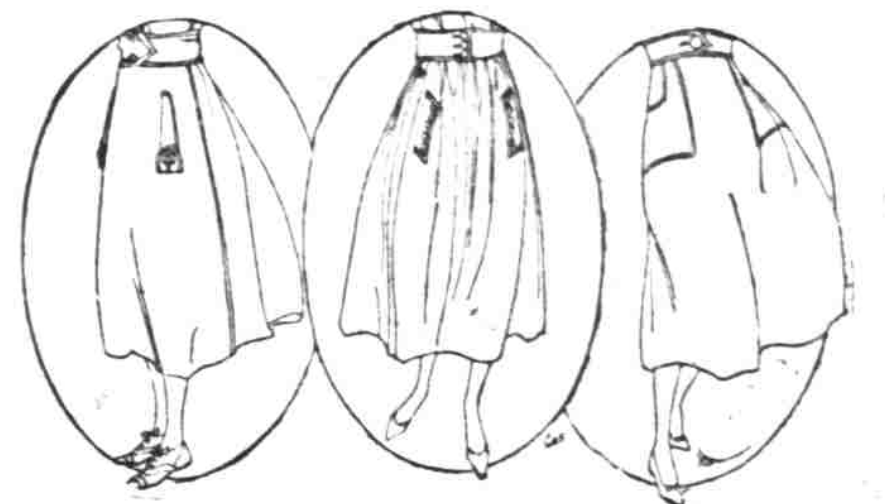
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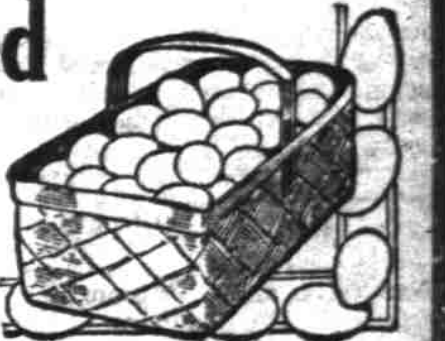
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